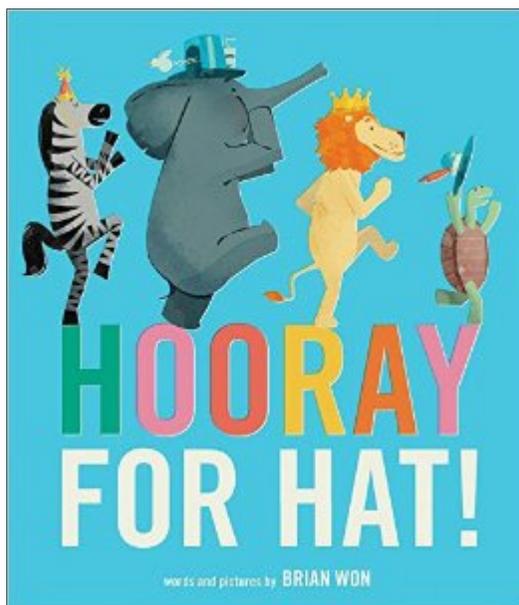


# Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2016 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



May 26, 2016—INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book (ICB) Director Suzanne Walker is delighted to announce Children’s Author Brian Won as the 2016 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award winner for his book *Hooray for Hat!*.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the ICB to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The state award is chosen by the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee made up of professionals in Indiana including teachers, librarians, caregivers, and project coordinators; all of whom are involved in early childhood development.

“ICB is excited to be in its second year of this picture book award focusing on Early Literacy. Children from infancy to five are absolutely capable of enjoying books and being discriminating judges,” says ICB Director Suzanne Walker. “*Hooray for Hat!* really lends itself to dress up play, along with having a great message about feelings and friends. I’m glad it will be forever a *Firefly* book; books that are chosen for their ability to encourage parents and children to talk, sing, read, write, and play together. It is our hope that caregivers will see this list of books as a quality go-to resource for having fun and learning with their young children.”

Author Brian Won enthusiastically received the Firefly Award, stating, “Thank you for the wonderful news! My family and I did a little jig around the dining room table. Please send my deepest thanks to all at the Indiana Center for the Book.”

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## *Hooray for Hat!* Resources

<http://www.brianwon.com/hoorayforhat/>

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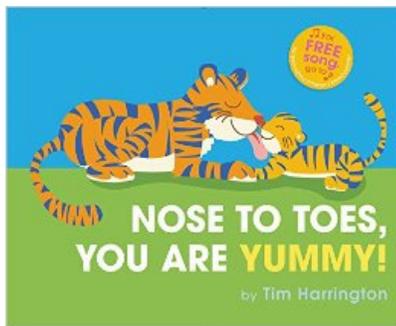
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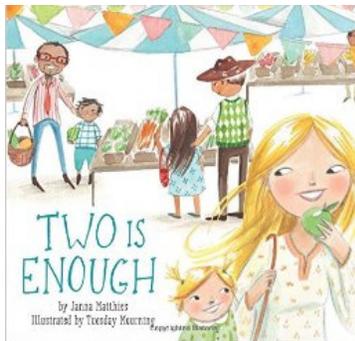
# Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Nominees: 2015-2016



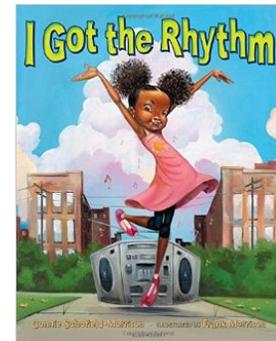
The following books were nominated for the 2015-2016 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. The winner was **Hooray for Hat!** by **Brian Won**.



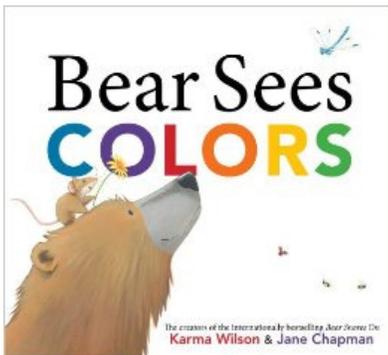
*Nose to Toes, You Are Yummy!*  
by Tim Harrington



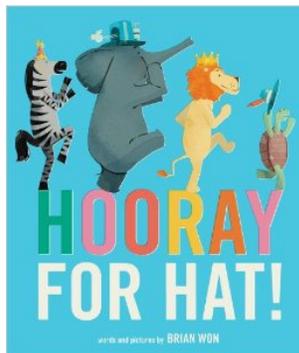
*Two is Enough*  
by Janna Matthies



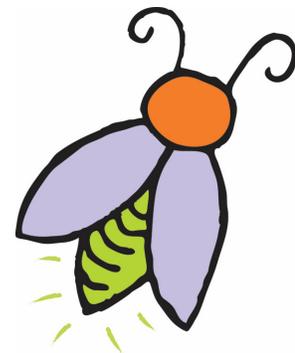
*I Got the Rhythm*  
by Connie Schofield-Morrison



*Bear Sees Colors*  
by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman



*Hooray for Hat!*  
by Brian Won



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